However, the Government of Madhya Pradesh have intimated that they are not aware of any such study conducted in this regard. There are some hazardous chemicals still lying in the factory and the Government of Madhya Pradesh is taking steps to safely dispose of the same in consultation with the Defence Research Development Organisation (DRDO).

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) had conducted a study in 1985 on the genetic risks evaluation of pregnancy outcome in pregnant women exposed to toxic gas and to monitor the teratogenic potential of the toxic gas on the outcome and development of new borns delivered by the exposed mothers. Information obtained on 2566 women who were pregnant at the time of exposure and who were followed up, revealed that while abortion rates were higher than the national average, perinatal mortality rates were within the limit. There was also no increase in the occurrence of congenital malformation. Another study conducted by the ICMR was on the prevalence of psychiatric morbidity in the area, and it reveals that the prevalence rate was higher in the exposed areas as compared to the controlled areas which showed decreasing trend with time.

FDI in housing sector

*54. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering 100 per cent FDI in housing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the proposal of Government to save the Indian construction companies in the housing sector?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) and (b) The Government, by a notification dated 21-5-2001 issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, has permitted foreign direct investment (FDI) upto 100% for development of integrated townships only, including housing commercial premises, hotels, resorts, city and regional level urban infrastructure facilities such as roads and bridges, mass rapid transit systems and manufacture of building materials. Development of land and providing allied infrastructure will form an integral part of township's development, for which necessary guidelines/norms

relating to minimum capitalization, minimum land area, etc. have also been issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. FDI in this sector would be permissible with prior Government approval.

(c) Each proposal for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) is to be decided on case to case basis on the merits of the case where interests of the Indian Construction Companies in the housing sector will be duly taken care of.

New memory enhancing pills

*55. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:
SHRI RAJU PARMAR:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have received proposals from bio-tech companies to launch new memory enhancing pills in India;

(b) if so, the details of the proposals with names of MNCs;

(c) whether trial tests have since been completed; and

(d) if so, the results of the tests and the names of the companies who are likely to get clearance from Government to launch these pills?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. C.P. THAKUR): (a) No proposal has been received by the Drugs Controller General (India) from Biotech Companies to launch new memory enhancing pills in India.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Bids for IBP

*56. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:
SHRIMATI CHANDRAKALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "IOC increases lead in IBP race with Rs.1100 cr. bid" and "Tata Consortium ahead of RIL in VSNL sweepstakes", which appeared in Economic Times, dated the 5th February, 2002;